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SUBJECT: PROGRESS REPORT FOR PERIOD 14 SEPTEMBER
THROUGH 21 SEPTEMBER

1. THE EMBASSY SCHEDULED US FOR INTERVIEWS OF JOB APPLICANTS DURING OUR FIRST THREE DAYS HERE. TWO APPLICANTS WERE SELECTED FOR EMPLOYMENT. ONE HAS PREVIOUS TECHNICAL TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE WITH U.S. AIR FORCE, THE BRITISH AIR FORCE, AND THE PAKISTAN AIR FORCE. HE IS PRESENTLY WORKING FOR AID BUT HE IS SCHEDULED TO BE RIFFED IN OCTOBER. WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO BRING HIM ON IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS. THE OTHER APPLICANT HAS HAD NO TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE, BUT HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED IN CLERICAL WORK WITH VARIOUS OTHER MISSIONS IN ISLAMABAD AND IS VERY HIGHLY

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THE EMBASSY WILL PROCESS FSN PERSONNEL ACTIONS; [REDACTED] WILL BE SUPPLYING YOU WITH MORE PERSONAL DATA ON THE TWO EMPLOYEES;

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2. ONE OF OUR FIRST PRIORITIES WAS TO MEET WITH PTT TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF OUR LINE. IT TOOK THREE DAYS JUST TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH THEM. WE MET WITH PTT ON 18 SEPTEMBER, AND THEY INFORMED US THAT THEY WERE ONLY WAITING AN APPROVAL FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ONCE THE APPROVAL WAS RECEIVED IT WOULD ONLY TAKE ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO CONNECT THE LINE. THE AMBASSADOR HAS SINCE CONTACTED THE MFA AND REQUESTED THEY INFORM PTT OF THEIR APPROVAL. MFA PHONED PTT AND GAVE APPROVAL FOR THE LINE, BUT NOW PTT SAID THAT THEY HAVE TO HAVE WRITTEN APPROVAL IN HAND BEFORE THEY CAN START WORK ON THE LINE. WE ARE NOW TRYING TO GET THE WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM MFA TO PTT. IN THE MEAN TIME WE HAVE ASKED PTT TO GIVE US A COST ESTIMATE FOR THE LINE. WE ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH PTT AGAIN ON 23 SEPTEMBER;

3. SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL WE INSPECTED THE HOUSE AND FOUND CONSIDERABLE WATER DAMAGE TO SEVERAL OF THE WALLS IN THE UPSTAIRS BEDROOMS. THE EMBASSY CONTACTED THE LANDLORD AND HE HAS AGREED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ROOF REPAIRS. SCRAPING AND REPAINTING OF THE WALLS WILL BE DONE AS SOON AS THE WALLS DRY OUT. FORTUNATELY, THE ROOM CHOSEN FOR OUR OFFICE HAD VERY LITTLE DAMAGE. WE ARE TRYING TO GET THE HOUSE READY FOR INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT AND OCCUPANCY, BUT WE HAVE FACED SOME DELAYS. ALTHOUGH WE PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED THE EMBASSY TO PURCHASE

AND INSTALL AIR CONDITIONERS, THEY DECIDED TO HOLD OFF UNTIL OUR ARRIVAL, WE HAVE PLACED AN ORDER FOR EIGHT AIR CONDITIONERS TO BE PURCHASED LOCALLY, DELIVERY TIME IS APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS, THE EMBASSY HAS AGREED TO LOAN US TWO AIR CONDITIONERS UNTIL WE GET OURS, INSTALLATION OF TWO AIR CONDITIONERS AND CARPETING OF THE OFFICE AREA IS SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW, EVERYTHING SHOULD THEN BE READY FOR INSTALLATION OF THE EQUIPMENT, YESTERDAY WE PLOTTED OUT THE ANTENNAS AND ORDERED THE PIPES AND NECESSARY MATERIALS FOR ERECTING THE ANTENNAS, OCCUPANCY OF THE HOUSE, HOWEVER, WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL THE KITCHEN SINK AND CABINET ARE REPLACED, WATER HEATERS ARE PURCHASED AND INSTALLED, CARPET AND DRAPES ARE INSTALLED, AND FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE WITH THE EMBASSY AND AID FOR THE LOAN OF FURNITURE, ALL OF THESE DETAILS HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS, BUT OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO GET OUR OFFICE IN OPERATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. WE HAVE RECEIVED A PRICE ESTIMATE OF DOLS. 8,141.00 FOR CARPETING, AND DOLS. 2,000.00 FOR DRAPES, SINCE WE HAVE ONLY DOLS. 12,000.00 TO WORK WITH BETWEEN NOW AND THE FIRST OF OCTOBER 1, I AM HOLDING OFF ON THE DRAPES AND CARPETS FOR THREE BEDROOMS AND USING THAT MONEY INSTEAD TO PURCHASE WATER HEATERS, SINK AND CABINET, DESKS, MATERIAL FOR INSTALLATION OF ANTENNAS, AND OTHER NECESSARY ITEMS,

5. WE HAVE TALKED TO THREE DIESEL GENERATOR DEALERS IN RAWALPINDI AND NONE HAVE THE SIZE GENERATOR WE NEED IN STOCK, ALL ARE WILLING TO ORDER US A GENERATOR WITH AUTOMATIC START AND SWITCHING SYSTEM BUT DELIVERY

ABOUT DOLS, 15,000.00 FOR A 12.5 KVA GENERATOR. TOMORROW
THE DEALER IS COMING TO THE EMBASSY WITH A FIRM PRICE
QUOTE AND DELIVERY TIME.

6. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF PROGRESS BY FILLING A
WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT. IF ANY OTHER MATTERS ARISE
WHICH REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION THEN WILL FILE
SEPARATE MESSAGES. HUMMEL.

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